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Commending the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to
the Global War on Terror.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2006

Mr. BURTON of Indiana submitted the following concurrent resolution; which
was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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commitment to the Global War on Terror.

Whereas twenty-four Canadian citizens were killed as a result
of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the
United States;

Whereas Canada has provided humanitarian, diplomatic, and
security personnel on the invitation of the Government of
Afghanistan since 2001;

Whereas Canada has contributed \$650,000,000 in develop-
ment aid to Afghanistan;

Whereas Afghanistan is Canada's largest recipient of bilateral
development aid;

Whereas Canada has stationed 2,300 defense personnel who
compose Task Force Afghanistan, in order to improve

security in southern Afghanistan, which encompasses the major Afghan city of Kandahar;

Whereas Canada has over 70 diplomatic officers who are dedicated to growing democracy and equality in Afghanistan;

Whereas seventeen Canadians have given the ultimate sacrifice in the Global War on Terror;

Whereas Canada's commitment to the Government of Afghanistan, under the leadership of Prime Minister Hamid Karzai, was due to expire in February 2007;

Whereas on May 17, 2006, the Canadian Government led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper requested that the Canadian House of Commons extend Canada's commitment in the Global War on Terror;

Whereas on May 17, 2006, the Canadian Parliament voted to extend peace and security operations in Afghanistan until 2009, to increase its development assistance by \$310 million, and to build a permanent and secure embassy in Afghanistan; and

Whereas this was the latest sign of the renewed commitment of numerous United States allies in the Global War on Terror: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) commends the Government of Canada for
4 its renewed and long-term commitment to the Global
5 War on Terror;

6 (2) commends the leadership of Canadian
7 Prime Minister Stephen Harper for his steadfast

1 commitment to democracy, human rights, and free-
2 dom throughout the world;

3 (3) commends the Government of Canada for
4 working to secure a democratic and equal Afghani-
5 stan;

6 (4) commends the Government of Canada's
7 commitment to reducing poverty, combating nar-
8 cotics, and ensuring a peaceful and terror-free Af-
9 ghanistan;

10 (5) commends the Government of Canada for
11 its three-pronged commitment to Afghanistan: diplo-
12 macy, development, and defense; and

13 (6) expresses the gratitude and appreciation of
14 the United States for Canada's enduring friendship
15 and leadership in the Global War on Terror.

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